

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An easy-open lid, ~~specifically applicable in lids (1) for a container, which, with comprising:~~ any one of a circular, elliptical or rectangular ~~configuration~~ shape with rounded vertices, ~~incorporate~~ a cut line (3), parallel and close to ~~their~~ a perimeter of the lid for opening the lid with ~~the collaboration of~~ a punch-tear away ring tab (4) attached to the body (1) of the lid by ~~means of~~ a rivet (5) and which is provided with a punching vertex (6) acting on ~~said~~ the cut line (3), characterized in that ~~said~~ wherein the cut line (3) is provided with a curved breakage segment (8) ~~with a curved path~~, having a curvature center (9) coinciding with the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab (4) to the body (1) of the lid, such that ~~said~~ the punching vertex (6) is kept in place on the breakage segment (8) after an accidental rotation of ~~said~~ the ring tab (4) throughout the process of handling the lid (1) itself and the container to which it is associated to.

2. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~eharaeterized in~~ that~~wherein~~ the amplitude of the ~~areuate~~ curved breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is greater than 1°.

3. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
~~wherein~~ the amplitude of the ~~areuate curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) ranges between 1° and 80°.

4. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
~~wherein~~ the amplitude of the ~~areuate curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 20°.

5. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
~~wherein~~ the curved breakage segment (8) on the cut line (3) is symmetrical with regard to the ~~an~~
imaginary axis formed by ~~the a~~ theoretical actuation point (10) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab-(4), coinciding with the mid-point of the breakage segment-(8), and the rivet (5) for attaching the ring tab-(4).

6. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~
~~wherein~~ the amplitude of the ~~areuate curved~~ breakage segment (8) of the cut line (3) is 10° on each side of the theoretical actuation point (10) of the punch vertex (6) of the ring tab-(4).

7. (currently amended): An easy-open lid according to ~~previous claims~~claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~~~wherein~~ the ~~areuate curved~~ breakage segment (10) of the cut line (3), with a curvature center (9) on the rivet-(5), is joined to the rest of the cut line (3) by means of double, ~~areuate curved~~ and counteropposing inflections (11-11') for facilitating the ~~tearing opening of the~~
lid along said line.

8. (new): An easy-open lid for a container, the lid comprising:

a body;

a marginal strip surrounding at least part of the body and defining a perimeter of the lid;

a cut line close to the perimeter of the lid;

a punch-tear away ring tab attached to the lid at an attachment location, the tab

comprising a punching vertex that acts on a part of the cut line when the tab is lifted; and

wherein the cut line comprises a curved breakage segment comprising a center of curvature that generally coincides with the attachment location.

9. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the lid further comprises one of a circular shape, an elliptical shape, and a rectangular shape with rounded vertices.

10. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment is defined by a variation in the curvature of the cut line.

11. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 10, wherein the variation is one that comprises inward inflections on both sides of the curved breakage segment.

12. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 10, wherein the variation comprises a pair of offsetting, curved inflections on either side of the curved breakage segment.

13. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the cut line is parallel to the perimeter of the lid.

14. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the tab is attached to the lid at the attachment location by a rivet.

15. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the contour of the punching vertex matches the contour of the curved breakage segment.

16. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a circular arc greater than 1°.

17. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a circular arc between 1° and 80°.

18. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 8, wherein the curved breakage segment is symmetrical with respect to an imaginary axis formed by the mid-point of the breakage segment and the attachment location.

19. (new): An easy-open lid for a container, the lid comprising:
a body;
a marginal strip surrounding at least part of the body and defining a perimeter of the lid;

a cut line close to the perimeter of the lid;
a punch-tear away ring tab attached to the lid at an attachment location, the tab comprising a punching vertex that acts on a part of the cut line when the tab is lifted; and
wherein the cut line comprises a curved breakage segment defined by a variation in the curvature of the cut line, the variation aligned with the punching vertex of the ring tab.

20. (new): The easy-open lid according to claim 19, wherein the curved breakage segment comprises a center of curvature that generally coincides with the attachment location.